Carpenter, Angela

From:

Anders, Krista (HEALTH) < krista.anders@health.ny.gov>

Sent:

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:08 PM Carpenter, Angela; Schick, Robert (DEC)

To: Cc:

Wilson, Lloyd (HEALTH); Deming, Justin (HEALTH); Gleason, A.Kevin K (HEALTH)

Subject:

Hoosick Falls PFOA Contamination -- Potential Source and Contaminant Migration

Information

Please see the information provided to us below. We will let Mr. Lukas know that we shared this information with EPA and DEC. We will also keep you apprised of any additional follow-up information we receive.

Thank you, Krista

From: Lukas, David [mailto:DLukas@mrbgroup.com]

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 4:06 PM

To: Vickerson, Timothy E (HEALTH) < timothy.vickerson@health.ny.gov>

Subject: More sampling needed

Hi Tim,

The mayor suggested that I contact you directly as we need to test both the influent as well as the effluent of the wastewater plant.

You should also be made aware of something that you might not yet be aware of. The waste from all of the manufacturing in the village went to the "dump". Although the landfill was decomissioned and capped several years ago all of the potential PFOA rich leachate goes to the treatment plant and eventually out to the Hoosic River. it may be alarmingly high and we need to get at least a baseline level.

My phone is

if you need to get a hold of me.

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Simon, Paul

From:

Azzam, Nidal

Sent:

Friday, November 13, 2015 4:10 PM

To:

Simon, Paul; Anderson, Arlene; Pabst, Douglas; Everett, Adolph; Schulz, Susan; Gorman, John; McKenna, Douglas; Kraft, Nicole; Feinmark, Phyllis; Sawyer, William; Chester, Amy;

Evangelista, Pat, Carpenter, Angela

Cc:

LaPosta, Dore; Iglesias, Ariel

Subject:

RE: Saint Gobain, PFOA

Apparently DOH does not want to take the lead, although I have tried to push them into that path about three weeks ago.

Regarding the groundwater plume, to date Saint Gobain, the village, the media, and DOH have been focusing on the facility located on McCaffrey. And Saint Gobain is agreeing to do groundwater investigation in the vicinity of the latter facility.4

I have brought these

matters to the attention of DOH. As of last week, DOH did not approach Saint Gobain to discuss the facility on liberty Street.

Nidal Azzam, Base Program Management Section, Chief Hazardous Waste Programs Branch Clean Air and Sustainability Division **USEPA** Region 2 290 Broadway, 22nd Floor New York, NY 10007 212-637-3748 Office 212-637-4437 Fax



From: Simon, Paul

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:49 PM

To: Anderson, Arlene; Pabst, Douglas; Azzam, Nidal; Everett, Adolph; Schulz, Susan; Gorman, John; McKenna, Douglas; Kraft, Nicole; Feinmark, Phyllis; Sawyer, William; Chester, Amy; Evangelista, Pat; Carpenter, Angela

Cc: LaPosta, Dore ; Iglesias, Ariel Subject: FW: Saint Gobain, PFOA

Pls read the email below from the RA regarding the Hoosick Falls PFOA water contamination problem. I will send out a meeting invite for us to discuss this during the week of 11/16.

From: Enck, Judith

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:25 PM

To: Simon, Paul < Simon.Paul@epa.gov >; LaPosta, Dore < LaPosta.Dore@epa.gov >; Filippelli, John

< Filippelli.John@epa.gov > Subject: Saint Gobain, PFOA

I called dr. Nathan graber, the head of the office of environmental health at the state health department today. He was generally aware of the issue but said he would now get a more detailed briefing and he appreciated my call. I told him that I am very concerned that hundreds of people drinking the municipal water in Hoosick falls are drinking water that exceed the 400 ppt epa provisional advisory for pfoa. The company has agreed to provide bottled water, but that does not deal with dermal exposures. The company recently agreed to install a carbon filtration system at the public water supply but how quickly can they do it and will they take on the fiscal costs of o and m, which can be expensive. Bottom line: the town of Hoosick falls has known about this contamination in their water supply for over a year. We need the state health department to focus on the water supply issues fast. he asked what we were doing and I gave him a general overview. State health dept seems to be relying on negotiations between the mayor and the company. There is a clear need for regulatory oversight by either the state or epa or both.

Paul, I am on travel all next week but please re convene our region 2 group. Dore informed me that our information request letter under tsca has gone out and deca received about 2/3 of what they requested from the company and did a call with the company today. I trust we are dealing with both facilities in Hoosick falls.

We need to figure out how to test groundwater and determine if there is a plume

W to look at the nearby Hoosick river, and possibly test the fish in the river.

I asked NYS DOH to consider testing more private wells. The county executive told me that there is not an inventory of private wells in the county. I assume the previous wells were tested by nysdoh but going door to door in the village. They can do that again.

Please prioritize this problem. Thanks everyone.